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The Council of Seventy.

The activities of members of the Council during the past two months have been many and varied. Dr. John Henry Barrows has just returned from a six-weeks' trip, during which he has lectured almost constantly about his trip to India in the interests of Christianity, in the light which has been thrown upon the question of Christian missions. He gave on Sunday, March 13, at the University of Chicago, the last lecture of the series on "The Influence of Christianity on the World's History," his special subject being "The Christianity of the Future." In this course the following Councilors have taken part: President William R. Harper, three lectures on "The Influence of the Old Testament upon Christianity;" Professor Ernest D. Burton, "The Birth of Christianity;" Professor Shailer Mathews, "Greek Thought in its Relation to Christianity," and "The First Century of Christianity;" President C. J. Little, "The Christianity of the Centuries."

Dr. H. L. Willett has conducted, since January 1, the following series of institutes: at Fort Dodge, Ia., January 10-12, six lectures on "The Beginnings of Christianity" (average attendance, 200); at Des Moines, Ia., January 13-15, six lectures on "The Life of Christ" (average attendance, 1000); at Perry, Ia., January 17-19, six lectures on "Wisdom Literature" (average attendance, 250); at Dallas Centre, Ia., January 20-22, "The Beginnings of Christianity" (average attendance, 150); at Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., January 24-26, "The Beginnings of Christianity" (average attendance, 1200); at Quincy, Ill., January 31-February 2, same subject (with attendance of 500); in New York city, March 3-5, "The Life of Christ" (average attendance, 200). The series was closed by a course at the Bible Normal College, Springfield, Mass.

The following Councilors have offered their services for summer-school work: Professor W. R. Betteridge, Rochester Theological Seminary; Professor Sylvester Burnham, Colgate University; Professor Edward L. Curtis, Yale University; Professor F. B. Denio, Bangor Theological Seminary; Professor Lincoln Hulley, Bucknell University; President William R. Harper, University of Chicago; Professor

D. A. McClenahan, United Presbyterian Theological Seminary; Professor George L. Robinson, Knox Theological Seminary; Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, Cornell University; Dr. H. L. Willett, University of Chicago—all of the Old Testament Chamber. Professor Alfred W. Anthony, Cobb Divinity School; Professor Ernest D. Burton, University of Chicago; Professor Daniel A. Hayes, Garrett Biblical Institute; Professor Shailer Mathews, University of Chicago; Professor Rush Rhees, Newton Theological Seminary; Dr. Clyde W. Votaw, University of Chicago—of the New Testament Chamber. Professor George B. Foster, University of Chicago; Dr. James H. Breasted, University of Chicago; President G. S. Burroughs, Wabash College—of the General Chamber. A number of these men are already assigned to work in the University of Chicago, Chautauqua, and at various summer assemblies. The appointments in detail will be given next month.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to serve on the committee for the investigation of Sunday-school study material: Professor Ernest D. Burton, chairman; Dr. H. L. Willett, Professor D. A. Hayes, Professor F. K. Sanders, President Geo. S. Burroughs. In the committee the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Christian denominations are represented.

The summer-school season will be inaugurated by the annual session of the Maine Ministers' Institute, which will hold its meetings May 19-27 in Roger Williams Hall, Lewiston, Me. In general the programme is as follows:

1. *The Old Testament*.—Seven lectures by Dr. Jas. H. Breasted, the University of Chicago (six illustrated with the stereopticon, presenting 500 views), on "Egypt—its History and Civilization": (1) "Topography, Scenes, and People of Egypt;" (2) "The Old Empire—the Pyramids and their Builders;" (3) "The Middle Empire—the Feudal State;" (4) "The New Empire—the Military State;" (5) "Egyptian Art;" (6) "Egyptian Literature;" (7) "Israel in Egypt." Two lectures by Dr. Bowen: "The Golden Age of Western Asia;" "The Characteristics of Hebrew History." In response to a request made at the last session of the Institute, Professor Purinton, of Cobb Divinity School, will conduct a daily class in Hebrew, reading the book of Jonah and other portions of the minor prophets.

2. *The New Testament*.—Seven lectures by Professor A. W. Anthony, of Cobb Divinity School, upon "The Unrecorded Life of Christ": (1) "The Brothers and Playmates of the Child Jesus;" (2) "The Education of Jesus;" (3) "The Home and Early Circumstances of Jesus;" (4) "Apocryphal Lives of Jesus;" (5) "Jesus' Acquaintance and Contact with John the Baptist;" (6) "Development of the Messianic Consciousness;" (7) "Temptations of Jesus." Three lectures by Professor Howe, of the same institution, on the epistle to the Ephesians: "The Book;" "The Theology of the Epistle;" "The Ethics of the Epistle."

3. *The philosophy of religion*.—One lecture by President Chase of Bates College, "The Meaning of Christian Education." One lecture by President Butler of Colby University, "The Psychology of Conversion." Two lectures by Professor Hayes, of Cobb Divinity School: "The Psychology of Christian Growth;" "The Ethics of Christian Growth." Two lectures by Dr. Summerbell, Lewiston, Me.: "New Testament Miracles;" "Faith and Fanaticism." Two lectures by Dr. Stackpole, Auburn, Me.: "Revivals, Genuine and Spurious;" "Pseudo-Spirituality."

4. *Christian sociology*.—Five lectures with special reference to the pastor's needs, by Professor Geer, of Bates College.

The Bible club work of the Institute still continues to grow. The membership to date this year is four thousand, one thousand more than at the corresponding date of last year. The Woman's Club of Lansing, Mich., having a membership of eighty, has placed the course on the Old Testament sages in its required programme for next year. The town of Wooster, O., boasts four clubs, all working on different subjects.